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Advising responsibility falls on students

By KEVAN SMITH
News Editor

As the end of the semester nears, students have started pre-registration with what some faculty members consider the most important step—advising.

To some students, though, advisors aren't doing enough. They complain of inaccessibility or lack of interest in the student's scheduling. And faculty members even admit that some advisors are just "form-signers" who don't consider advising as part of their job.

But some faculty also say that advising could be made better if the students read the LSUS catalog, decide on a schedule, and then see an advisor.

"Students can assume more of the responsibility and take more of the initiative themselves to get in touch with the advisor," said Dr. Gale Bridger, assistant vice-chancellor of academic affairs.

She said advisors could help by being certain of policies and regulations that can save the student time, and by scheduling time for advising.

"Basically," she said, "the responsibility that the academic advisor has is to make time available to provide the student with advice on curriculum and academic decisions. It ought to include long-term planning of what they plan to take, elective selection and career goals."

The Academic Advising Handbook, a guide for advisors, says that advisors' responsibilities are "to provide guidance and information to students throughout their college careers." Advisors assist students in choosing schedules, degree plans and are expected to be accessible to their advisees.

About the advisors who don't take advising seriously, Bridger said they exist, but "we'd be reluctant to hire faculty who aren't willing to work with students. Most faculty just assume that it's part of their job."

Dr. Robert Benefield, professor of psychology, said that

students could become acquainted with the catalog to see what is expected. He said that getting to know the personal lives of students also would help advising.

"I really care about the students I advise," he said. "I would like to see them stay in school as long as possible and to graduate." Benefield has been at LSUS for 18 years, and he said that advising has always been part of his job.

Lisa G. Johnson, instructor of math and computer sciences, feels the same. She said a common problem she faces is students not knowing what they want to take.

"My least favorite students to advise," she said, "are ones who walk in and say, 'what do I do?'"

She said that freshmen and sophomores are the hardest to advise because they don't know what they want. "They're either not real sure they want to stay in the major, or they're not sure what options they want."

But faculty and students agree that pre-registration helps.

"I think it's great," Johnson said, "for both students and us. I wish we could force everyone to come through an advisor. The only thing I would change would be to make it stronger for students coming to be advised."

"I like it," Benefield said, "because it makes registration a lot easier. Also, it makes it more convenient for me in my office; I just use my regular office hours. Regular registration is so hectic, I don't get a chance to interact with the students."

"It's better now than it ever has been," he said, "because of pre-registration. Personally, I would like to see everyone be required to pre-register..."

Dinah Tabor, a freshman education major, said "I like it; it's a lot easier. But in pre-registration, I think they hold places in classes for people who are registering later."

Bridger said some of the complaints her office receives about advising include scheduling time,



photo by Kevin Je. a

Dr. Gale Bridger assistant vice chancellor of academic affairs

inaccessibility and personal difference.

"From faculty," she said, "it tends to be at early registration and they're concerned with schedule time." She said that advisors also complain that students don't talk to them.

About students' complaints that advisors aren't available, she said, "Sometimes, I think that's a matter of students not knowing the best way to get in touch with an advisor. The best way is to work through the college or department office for an appointment."

Bridger said students who have personal differences with their advisors should either give it time to improve, or, if that fails, change advisors.

Appointments with advisors for pre-registration will continue through next month.

Bogue: One of four chosen to visit Soviet Union

By MATT FRAZIER
Editorial Assistant

LSUS Chancellor Dr. Grady Bogue, has been confirmed as one of four U.S. presidents and chancellors chosen by the American Association of State Colleges and Universities (AASCU) to travel to the Soviet Union.

This trip will serve as a follow-

up to the U.S.S.R. visit to American universities that took place earlier this year.

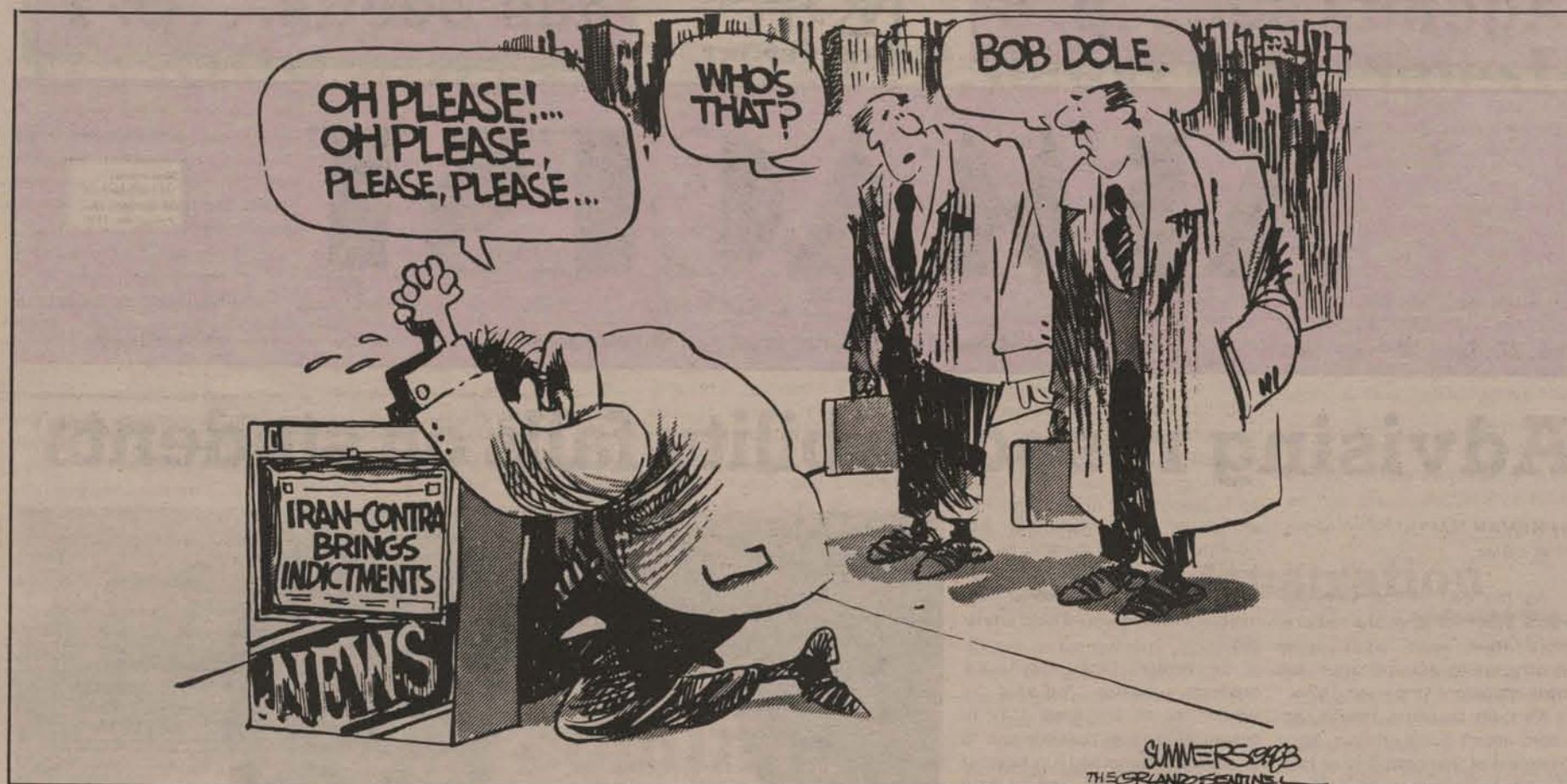
The purposes of the U.S. mission will be to meet with the U.S.S.R. higher education community and visit a number of selected institutions. They will investigate possibilities for joint research projects, technical cooperation, and the exchange of

material and library sources.

The group will also explore the prospects for student and faculty exchanges and discuss the possibility for future exchanges of administrative heads of colleges and universities between the U.S. and the U.S.S.R.

The visit will be held from April 6 to April 19.

editorial



Spring is here

*I wandered lonely as a cloud
That floats on high o'er vales and hills,
When all at once I saw a crowd,
A host, of golden daffodils;
Beside the lake, beneath the trees,
Fluttering and dancing in the breeze.*
— William Wordsworth

These six lines from Wordsworth's "The Daffodils" express the essence of spring, the aura of vibrancy and sanctity that arouses deep emotion.

Verdant foliage sprouts from wintered trees; baseball flies into action with its newest rookies and oldest pros; track and field athletes stretch lithely in the stadiums; the sun warms the farmer's fields and city streets alike; and the wind sweeps pollen from the flowers and fills the sails of boats on the lakes.

Spring is also the merciful giver of spring break, April Fool's day and that greatly anticipated graduation day. Spring is so highly regarded that we increase the amount of sunshine with daylight savings time.

Se habla Espanol?

By ANDY SALVAIL
Contributing Writer

Strap on that Uzi, little Neddy, and kiss your babe goodbye. We're going to war.

Even though history has proven that we cannot alter the course of revolution in Central America, or anywhere else, President Reagan seems dead set on making one last stand there before his term expires next January. His latest escapade — the deployment of 3,200 U.S. troops to Honduras in a vain effort to threaten to stifle recent Sandinista counter-offensives against the Honduras-based Contra "freedom fighters" — suggests that we are headed for direct military involvement in that region.

Like his conservative predecessors and cronies, he cites an antiquated theory, the "domino" effect, as his chief reason for continued support of right-wing forces in Latin America and other areas around the world undergoing similar changes.

A full-scale military show of strength at the end of a presidential term looks good in the history books; it would show that Reagan, the embattled lame-duck, went down fighting.

The President knows he doesn't have much time. With George Bush almost assured of the Republican nomination, and even more assured of getting beaten in the '88 Presidential election by any Democrat who's faithful to his wife, Reagan senses America's eight-year conservative trend slipping away. A Democrat will be our next president. (Can you picture Bush sitting across the bargaining table from Soviet Premier Mikhail Gorbachev, discussing arms reductions?) To Ronnie, the time to act is now.

So get ready, brush up on your Spanish, amigos; like the old song says, be the first person on your block to have your body sent home in a box.

In light of these recent "exercises" and future military actions, perhaps steps should be taken at LSUS to ensure that we are better prepared for the field when we enlist, or when

our number is called. Currently, "Spanish 180: War Lingo in Latin American Countries," is not offered here, but it might be wise for Dr. Richard Barnett, chairman of the Foreign Language Department, to implement such a course. In the interest of fairness and objectivity, "French 180: Basic French for Draft Dodgers in Canada," should also be taught.

In addition, there's certain aspects about Central American life which I'll mention that may come in handy after we're shipped out.

The beer is cold, strong and much more flavorful than American beers. (It's cheaper, too.)

The climate is similar to Louisiana's June weather: humid, rainy and generally hot, between 85 and 95 degrees Fahrenheit.

The average peasant worker, or campesino, could care less about left- or right-wing politics. He wants to support his family, eat and sleep; he leads a simple life. Most Nicaraguans have yet to take sides in the brutal 7-year-old war. Certainly the Contras have not won their hearts.

So remember, Neddy, when facing fire from those Russian MiGs, keep your head low. From here on out, the name of the game is daily survival. Heroes? We don't need no stinking heroes!

Vaya con Dios, compadre. Don't drink the water.

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briefs

Racquetball

A non-credit racquetball class for the general public will be offered on Tuesday and Thursday evenings April 5—28 at LSUS.

The class will meet from 6 to 7:30 p.m. in the LSUS Health and Physical Education Building.

Participants must provide their own racquet and eye protection — and no black-soled shoes are allowed on the courts, HPE officials said.

Course fee is \$50.

To pre-register on a first-come, first-served basis, contact the LSUS Office of Conferences and Institutes at 797-5262.

Awards

The McDonald's Corporation and the Negro Ensemble Co. are sponsoring the McDonald's Literary Achievement Awards for writing on the black experience in America.

There are three categories of competition — fiction, poetry and drama. For fiction, entries should be up to 50 pages; poems should not be more than 20 pages; and plays should be at least 20 pages long.

All entries should include a short biography of the writer, and a list of publications or productions, if any, in which the work has appeared.

Winners in each category will receive a \$2,000 honorarium, a trip to New York, a celebrity reading of their work and a literary reception.

Deadline for entries is June 1, 1988. Submit entries, along with name, address and phone number, to The Negro Ensemble Company, McDonald's Literary Achievement Awards, P.O. Box 778, Times Square Station, New York, NY, 10108.

Phone-a-thon

The LSUS Alumni Association and the 1988 Mindpower Campaign will sponsor a phone-a-thon over a three-week period, to raise money for student scholarships at LSUS.

The phone-a-thon will be held from 6 p.m. to 8:30 p.m., March 28-31, April 4-7 and April 11-14. Volunteers can sign up in the Alumni Affairs office in the Administration building, room 262, or call 797-5168.

Prizes will be awarded to the volunteers who collect the largest number of pledges.

First prize is a weekend for two at the Park Suite Hotel in Dallas, and includes a separate living room and wet bar, and a complimentary breakfast in the Park Cafe.

Second prize winner receives two tickets to the LSU — Texas

A&M game, including transportation aboard a bus chartered by the LSUS Alumni Association.

Third prize winner gets dinner for two at the Superior Grill.

Last year's newly created Mindpower campaign raised over \$20,000 for the scholarship program. This year's goal is \$30,000.

PRSSA

The Public Relations Student Society of America is looking for the best new logo and slogan for LSUS. From now until April 8, all students are urged to submit their ideas to the *Almagest* in BH344.

Logos should be submitted on a white background within an 8" x 8" area. All submissions must be the original work of LSUS students.

Entries will be judged by an independent committee and the winner will receive \$50 and have their design printed on T-shirts.

For more information, call Brett Hadley at 869-0051, or Leigh Huddelston at 797-4005.

Education

LSUBR will offer "Science of the Mind," Education 7903, on the campus of LSUS during the Spring intercession period.

The class will meet from 4:30 to 7 p.m. Monday through Thursday and 9:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. on Saturday from May 16 to June 4.

It offers three semester hours of credit toward the Ph.D in curriculum and instruction and LSU.

The course will survey methods and assumptions of several contemporary approaches to the study of mind. Approaches covered include cognitive psychology, information processing theory, artificial intelligence and linguistic theory.

Registration will be from 5 to 5:30 p.m. April 26 in Room 212 of the LSUS Business-Education Building.

Course fee is \$195. Late registration will be accepted until May 16 at the LSUS Division of Continuing Education and Special Programs.



photo by Kevin Jerome

John Lindsay Senator of the week Lindsay-company man

By MARTHA BARKLEY
Staff Writer

"I am definitely a company man."

Meet John D. Lindsay, a sophomore and SGA senator from the College of Sciences. Lindsay is this week's Senator of the Week.

John's "company man" attitude applies not only to his job, but also to the view he takes toward his SGA position.

"I was in the SGA in high school and I thought I'd get involved at LSUS instead of just sitting around."

Lindsay currently holds two SGA titles: Internal Affairs chairman and parliamentarian.

"The Internal Affairs chairman is more or less the personal director of the senate," he said. "I keep the attendance and participation records. I make sure that everyone is doing his job on the bottom line. A lot of times, I'm the bad guy."

When asked if he thought that there was sufficient SGA-student interaction, Lindsay quickly replied, "No there's not. We have no common bond. It's hard being a commuter college; a lot of people work and just don't get involved."

John knows about work. "I work quite a lot and I'm still active on campus. I think everyone should be." John enjoys not only his work but also his co-workers. He hopes one day to become Executive Vice-President of Jewelry Operations. "I think I'm going to stay with Service Merchandise."

As for recommendations to future SGA senators, Lindsay said, "I think we've been successful in many ways. I would like to see more fun activities that everyone can participate in. I know it's hard, being a commuter college; but if the students would let us, we are here to serve them."



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Maxie Foster—A little bit of Georgia soul



Maxie Foster

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By ERIC BANKS
Managing Editor

"When most people talk about soul food, they talk about black-eyed peas and hog jowls," said Maxie Foster. "This is my soul food — this is what's pleasing to my soul — greens, collard or turnip, some good, quality fried chicken, cornbread, macaroni and cheese, candied yams, peach pickel and some homemade lemonade."

Foster was born and raised in Georgia. He was the first black to attend his high school. "Cheerleaders would cheer for me on the court, but in the halls, they wouldn't speak to me," he said.

In 1968, Foster enrolled at the University of Georgia on an athletics scholarship — eight years after the university was integrated. "My first semester, a teacher was going down the roll and said, 'Maxie Foster'. She

stopped and said, 'You're the first nigger I've taught'," he said. Foster made an A on every test in the class but received a B in the course. "She said blacks couldn't make an A," he said.

He received his bachelor's degree in Health and Physical Education in 1972, and his master's, two years later — both from the University of Georgia.

Foster's favorite television shows include *The Cosby Show*, and *Dallas*. "I like to keep up with J.R.," he said.

Foster is a bulldog at heart. "When they (the Georgia Bulldogs) aren't playing LSU, I'm a Tiger fan. And it's real difficult to be a Tiger and a 'dog," he said. On a professional level, Foster supports the Miami Dolphins and more recently, the Dallas Cowboys. Foster helped in recruiting Herschel Walker (Cowboy running back) to the University of Georgia.

His musical tastes favor jazz

— He listens to the group Spyro Gyra, and Kenny G. "I'm a sax freak," he said. "I like something soft — something you can mellow-out on."

Foster doesn't consider himself a political activist in the traditional light. "I try to bring issues to people's consciousness. I don't want you to vote my convictions. Vote your own, but understand what you're voting about," he said. "Don't vote for a person just because he's black; vote for him because he stands for something you are about."

In the United States, Foster's favorite vacation spot is Callaway Gardens, Georgia, while the island of Barbados in the West Indies is his favorite international spot. "The island and the people are beautiful," he said.

He'd like to go to Japan. "We have so many Japanese coming to the United States, buying up and taking over, I'd like to know a little about their culture," he said. "I'd like to familiarize myself with their philosophical and educational views," he added.

Foster's favorite season is spring. "People begin to get out and do things. Nature changes. There's a coming together of so many things — it's a beginning point for people," he said.

The child of a one-parent family, Foster especially admires his mother. "The person that means most to me — more than anyone in the world is my mom," he said.

Foster has been a Health and Physical Education professor at LSUS since 1982.

Spring fling — a "Louisiana luau"

Two weeks after spring break, and you're back into the grind of classes, trying to hold that g.p.a. until the summer rolls around.

What you need is a break, perhaps a "Louisiana Luau," and the Student Activities Board has it from April 13-15 — Spring Fling '88.

The festivities begin with Treasure Hunt Clue 1 at 9:00 a.m. on the 13th. For the treasure hunt, a shrunken head will be hidden somewhere on campus; clues

will be given each day at 9:00 a.m. The student who gets the head will win some fabulous prizes.

Then, from 11:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m., Exit will perform in the mall. At noon, the Spring Fling '88 Opening Ceremony will officially start the bacchanalia, after which, a Sand Castle Building contest will be held at the beach. Rounding out the day, students will stuff their faces with poi at the Louisiana Poi Eating Contest.

Events for Thursday, April 14, include music by DJ Rodney Chandler, an Air Band Contest, tug-o-war, more sand castle building, and a Limbo, Hula-Hoop and Pineapple Toss Contest.

On Friday, April 15, Betty Lewis and the Executives will churn out R&B from 11:30 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. There will also be a 5K fitness run and walk, sand castle building and a Body Surfing Con-

test on the specially built SAB wave.

The final event of Spring Fling '88 is the Spring Fling Dance from 9:00 p.m. to 1:00 a.m. in the UC Ballroom. Music will be provided by Rodney Chandler.

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campus profiles



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Willis Arrington — just a face in the crowd

Arrington voted student of the week

By LETHUY NGUYEN
Staff Writer

Willis Arrington, a freshman speech pathology major, is a riddle shrouded by an enigma.

Willis describes himself as just another face in the crowd, but one of his close friends describes him as "someone who always gets noticed, but never notices anyone else."

His individualistic nature distinguishes him from the typical college male. He believes that self-expression is essential in any circumstance.

"Everyone," he said, "should say something. It doesn't matter if it is 'Gee, that's a nice sweater,' or 'How far can your soul see?' One is no more important than the other; they are both profound because they have been said."

Willis thinks his best trait is his lack of apathy. Through poetry, he finds learning, appreciation and self-identity.

"Some people," he said, "go through their whole life without questioning anything. Some are afraid of the answers, and some just don't care. I don't see how they can live with themselves. I wonder what they do with their minds when everything is quiet and open. Do they just turn it off?"

Although Willis "seriously questions the universe," he also has a lighter side. One of his favorite satirical subjects is "the bow-head."

"Sometimes, I think they tie those things so tight that they cut off the circulation to the brain," Willis said.

When given a chance to describe his attitude toward other people, Willis said, "Having patience with human nature is an instinctive, spiritual duty."

Willis' new age outlook might be an enigma to some, but Willis is sure of his personal goals. He wants to be happy.

LSUS: a bicentennial campus

LETHUY NGUYEN
Staff Writer

The Commission on the Bicentennial of the United States Constitution named LSUS a Bicentennial Campus.

LSUS is the first campus in the LSU system to receive the designation, said Marguerite Plummer, head of the Pioneer Heritage Center and chairperson of the Bicentennial Committee.

The requirements for a Bicentennial Committee include:

(1) establishment of a Bicentennial Committee broadly representative of the campus community; (2) development of a commemorative program to educate members of the campus community about the meaning and significance of the U.S. Constitution and the Bill of Rights; and (3) an official designation from the federal commission.

"This idea was begun five years ago to celebrate the birth of

the U.S. Constitution," Plummer said.

The Bicentennial Campus Program encourages colleges and universities throughout the country to participate in the 200th anniversary of the Constitution, its ratification, the formation of the federal government and the adoption of the Bill of Rights.

"The aim of this program is to promote a greater awareness of how the U.S. Constitution impacts upon our lives," said Plummer.



You should have seen J.T. run. Even with the physical limitations he had to overcome, there was a special grace to his stride. But it was his face that captivated the observer. Such undaunted determination, such unbridled spirit was gripping, inspiring. J.T. didn't win first place. Not even second. Fact is, he just avoided being last by about two steps. His victory was from within; through sheer will and effort, he transcended the disadvantages that fate and nature had imposed on him. He was every inch a winner.

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Pistons P.O.'d in tough East

By **RODNEY MALLET**
Sports Editor

The way the Lakers have been playing they are almost a sure thing to reach the NBA finals. There could be a miracle and they could get upset but the team is shooting over 50 per cent and looks great. In the East it is different.

Boston has been the favorite from the East since the arrival of Larry Bird but this year is different.

The Detroit Pistons have a good chance of reaching the finals. Last year they went seven games before the Celtics put them down. The Pistons have a taste of how bad it feels and to come so close but be sent home.

They are not intimidated anymore because they are the intimidators. This team has received more fines for fighting than any other in the league and are proud to be compared to the Los Angeles Raiders.

Not only are they physical but they have lots of talent. Eight players are averaging double figures in scoring. Adrian Dantley is averaging 20 points a game despite coming off the bench since coming back from a sprained ankle that kept him out of 11 games.

Two others from the bench are averaging double figures. Vinnie Johnson scores 12.3 and newly acquired James Edwards is averaging 13.9 a game. 7-footer

John Salley also comes off the bench to add defense and speed. Bird is third in the east in average points per game, the starters are the only ones to reach double figures. They have no bench but John Paxson will give them a lift if he can stay healthy.

Bill Laimbeer is third in the East with 660 rebounds. Dennis Rodman has 561 and Ricky Mahorn has 505. Compare that to Boston's leader Bird with 593 and it shows that the Pistons have the big advantage on the boards.

The Pistons are enforcers. Laimbeer, Rodman, Salley, Dantley and even Isiah Thomas have been known to scrap. Boston's been plagued by injuries and will not be able to go a full seven-game series with the Pistons. The Hawks have the physical people but Dominique Wilkins is their offense. Granted he is a lot of offense and fun to watch but he can't match the Pistons.

The Milwaukee Bucks are good shooters and an average rebounding team but they will not be able to run with the young teams like Indiana, Atlanta and Detroit.

As far as head to head competition the Pistons are 3-1 with two games left, both are in Boston.

With only four weeks to go Detroit and Boston look like the two toughest teams headed toward the playoffs. The East will be competitive and the West will be the Lakers.



Delta Sigs pull ahead in greek week chariot race

photo by Kevin Jerome

Tyson don't play—others pay

By **RODNEY MALLET**
Sports Editor

Mike Tyson beat the heck out of another so-called challenger last weekend. Some people were impressed by Tyson's awesome left hook that sent the fat guy to the canvas.

It is hard for me to be impressed because it did not seem that Tony Tubbs wanted to win. Tubbs would have made \$50,000 if he would have weighed in at 235 or less. Tubbs weighed in at a crisp 238 and 50 thousand big ones were shot to hell because Tubbs wouldn't diet.

This does not sound like a man who is dedicated. Tubbs said in an interview that he was going to fight in Tokyo because he was following the money. He did not mention that he wanted to be

heavy (or should it be very heavy) weight champion of the world.

June 27 is the date set for Tyson's next fight and it is supposed to be against his toughest opponent to date, this being Michael Spinks. There is no doubt that Spinks will be in shape but he too made a reference to fighting Tyson for the money. On David Letterman he said that Tyson was an awesome fighter and he wouldn't want to fight him, but he would if the money was right.

With the kind of money these guys are making for just a few minutes of work I can see how they could get sucked in by the numbers and just not care. But that does so much damage to the sport of boxing. Some people will say that it isn't just a few minutes

of work, boxers train for months to get prepared. If Tubbs trained for months to get to 238 then either his trainer has a great sense of humor or he was training him for a beer belly contest.

Tyson is fighting for a reason besides money. In a Sports Illustrated interview he said that he was fighting for his old neighborhood and for all the wrong in the world. Tyson is dedicated to the sport and is never out of shape or dissapointing to the crowd.

Tyson is great and it is a shame that he doesn't have anybody to prove it on. Ali, Foreman, Frazier and Norton all had each other to beat up on and compare themselves to. Tyson is a man amongst has-beens and fatsos.

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Shriners give crippled children hope

By MATT FRAZIER
Editorial Assistant

With hope in their eyes the children begin their quest.

They come from Texas, Arkansas, Mississippi, Alabama, Honduras and Panama to seek some miracle — some magic cure — that will unbend their misshapen legs and let them walk.

Their destination is reached and they are greeted with open, loving arms and caring smiles as they enter the Shriners Hospital for Crippled Children in Shreveport.

The miracle beings.

The families who bring their children here are not charged one cent for any part of the treatment, or care, that is provided. The citizens of the U.S. do not pay any taxes to support the hospital.

All services are paid for by Shriners Hospitals.

Operating funds are supplied by the Shriners Hospitals for Crippled Children Endowment Fund, which is supported by the gifts and bequests of Shriners, their families and the general public. Additional revenues come from Shriner fund-raising events and from an annual hospital assessment paid by each Shriner.

"Ninety-six cents of each dollar goes to direct patient cost," said Mrs. Patti Carey, administrator of the Shreveport Shriners Hospital. "The other four cents goes to administrative costs."

Since 1922, Shriners Hospitals have tried to provide optimum medical care to children, up to the age of 18, who have orthopedic problems or who have been severely burned — regardless of race, religion or national origin.

Free care is only half of the reason that Shriners Hospital is so special.

Every child that comes into the hospital must face the pain of operations, braces, shots, blood removal or transfers, and the hardship of recovery.

Add to this the fear of being removed from their homes to a sterile atmosphere of a hospital and you will understand the stress that the children go through.

The staff at the Shriners realizes this, and puts an enormous amount of effort into making the hospital as much fun for the kids as possible.

As soon as a child enters the living/playing space of the hospital, he sees his name

written on a paper heart that is attached to a glass wall.

This is only the beginning.

There is a lounge for teenagers only that is equipped with a television, stereo and video games.

For younger patients there are dozens and dozens of different games, toys, and dolls.

Outside, there is a plastic play set that includes a swing and slide. There is also a makeshift soccer field that many of the children, especially those from

other countries, enjoy using.

Numerous extra touches for very young patients are provided such as putting symbols of records, buttons, balls and wheels on the bedroom doorways so that children too young to remember their room numbers can still recognize where they are sleeping.

The staff at Shriners tries to help each patient deal with the emotional trauma of hospital life. Child Life Director Joni Wilson, and all of the nurses are special-

ly trained to help the children cope with stress and emotional problems.

A 17-year-old patient said that she was scared to death when she first came to Shriners but that the staff helped her to get adjusted to the change.

"You are always asked what you want to do," she said. "They never make you do anything that you don't want to."

As patients are being assisted in their adjustment, the Social Service Director at Shriners,

Hilda Holder, counsels with the family members to help them deal with any problems that they might be having.

Hundreds of children are able to have their twisted and deformed bodies made more functional because of the love of Shriners around the country, and the skill of a dedicated hospital staff. Families can see their children receive the best possible care which otherwise would not be available to them.

LSUS seeks black instructors

By MATT FRAZIER
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Eight university administrators met March 16 to discuss and evaluate the level of interest LSUS has in bringing more black administrators, faculty and students into the university.

Dr. Grady Bogue, chancellor; Dr. Wilfred Guerin, vice-chancellor; Dr. Anthony Lemelle, assistant professor of social sciences; Dr. Patricia Bates, associate professor of English; Dr. Nancy Wilhelmi, associate professor of English; Elwin Sykes, assistant to the vice-chancellor and instructor of English; and Zenobia Hikes, assistant director of admission, agreed that here is a need to bring blacks and other minorities into LSUS.

Bogue said that having a black executive administrator would give LSUS a broader, and therefore stronger, base of experience to draw from.

The group agreed that black teachers are also a necessity because students need black, as well as white, role models.

LSUS administrators are actively seeking black faculty and administrators through the placement of ads in national teachers' publications. The ads emphasize that black teachers are welcome and needed.

A recent decline in the number of Ph.D.'s awarded to blacks has resulted in a very small reservoir of qualified black applicants.

Also, LSUS has not developed a national reputation which will attract highly qualified teachers to its faculty, nor can it offer premium salaries.

Black students are enrolling at LSUS, but they are dropping out or transferring before they graduate.

Some members of the discussion group attribute this to the fact that black students are coming to LSUS educationally unprepared. They also believe that the lack of black teachers and administrators causes a difficult climate for black students.

Possible solutions to these problems are now being explored.

Bogue hopes that some of the current black faculty members will grow with LSUS by studying to obtain their Ph.D.'s and also

become administrators. He said that "if anyone came to LSUS with an M.A. there will be no reason financially for them not to get their Ph.D."

Because there are no budgeted funds set aside specifically for the support of minority students, outside sources are being sought to offer scholarships to black students who are unable to carry the financial burden of higher education.

Another being discussed is a summer institute for young minority students. The activities of the institute would include writing, debating, reading, swimming, basketball and using computers.

This program would try to ease racial tension while teaching minority students useful skills.

The discussion group now plans to approach the faculty of LSUS to elicit their views and in-

terest in incorporating minorities into LSUS.

Correction

As a correction to last week's story on the LSUS ROTC Rangers, they defeated Northwest State University at the 1988 Ranger Challenge. The competition involved 19 teams from LA. and AR. LSUS Rangers took 13th place over-all.

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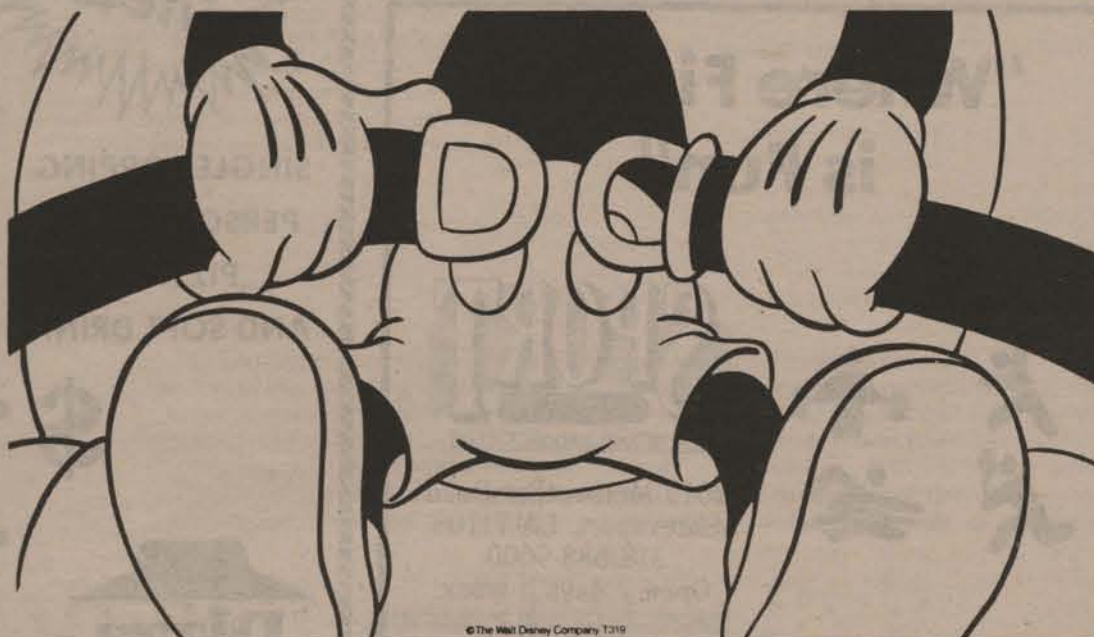
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